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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT:



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1. During [redacted] last week, the commitments made to [redacted], with headquarters concurrence, include the following:

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a. Authority to expend \$2000.00 to complete the carpentry work and to conduct the necessary repairs to make the La Esperance operational. Also to pay salaries of present boat employees.

b. Authority to expend the funds required to install a Bendix MR-3B radar set on the La Esperance. [redacted] will again be informed that \$6000.00 has been budgeted for this project.

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c. Authority to put the crew on salary and rations as operational clearances are received. [redacted] will be advised of the following monthly salary breakdown as agreed upon between [redacted]

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- (1) One Captain - \$400
- (2) One Engineer - \$300
- (3) One Radio Operator - \$200
- (4) One Cook - \$125
- (5) Four Seamen - \$100 each

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[redacted] agreed, subject to the captain's concurrence, to add one engineer, eliminate two seamen and the cook and have one of the two remaining seamen double as

the cook. Thus, the total salaries would remain at \$1425. He will also be advised that [REDACTED] agreed upon a \$400 a month ration allowance, a \$800 a month fuel allowance, and a \$500 a month boat operational allowance.

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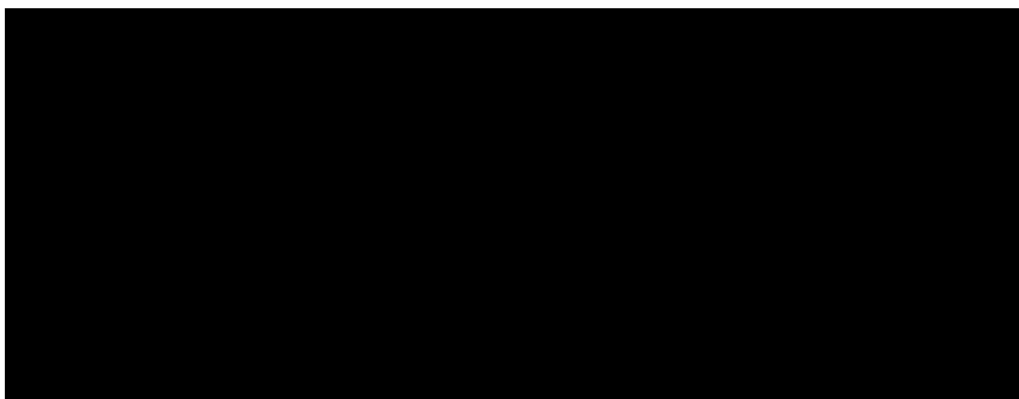
d. Authority to expend funds to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for travel expenses in their training site survey.

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2. On other questions raised during [REDACTED] visit, headquarters views at this time are as follows:

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b. [REDACTED] has suggested the location of a training site on the [REDACTED] in lieu of one in [REDACTED]. This is a new proposal, and one which should not be given consideration until all possibilities of locating a site in [REDACTED] have been exhausted.

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c. On the question of stationing one of the [REDACTED] B-26's in [REDACTED] headquarters is adverse to doing this at this time. In the meantime, since both of the [REDACTED] planes reportedly are in need of overhaul and re-configuration, headquarters is prepared to undertake this work at once, while in the interim, headquarters will hold in readiness two or more serviceable planes for use if a priority requirement should develop. If this proposal

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is acceptable to [REDACTED] should obtain from [REDACTED] information as to present location and means of access to his planes, to include release to our representatives.

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d. Regarding the approval of a budget for activation of the VRD third country branches, [REDACTED] already has been given authorization to expend the necessary funds for convening a regional meeting of third country representatives in [REDACTED]. It has been the headquarters view that the results and recommendations of this regional meeting should be known before a meaningful budget for the third country branches can be arrived at. [REDACTED] should obtain from [REDACTED] the present status of planning for this regional meeting, or such alternative plans as he may now have in mind. Headquarters would like to have a representative in [REDACTED] during the course of the meetings.

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3. Headquarters investigating various ways we could assist [REDACTED] in establishing clandestine communications within the DR.

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4. [REDACTED] should make it clear to [REDACTED] that no further authorization is required for initiating his propaganda program, both radio and journalistic. Headquarters would appreciate [REDACTED] estimate as to extent of propaganda guidance required by [REDACTED]. At the moment, headquarters only requirement is sufficient advance notice of broadcasts to permit arranging for monitoring both DR and externally.

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5. As [REDACTED] furnishes each biographic profile to the [REDACTED] or mails them to [REDACTED], he should separately indicate intended use, such as [REDACTED] seaman on ship, [REDACTED] radio announcer, etc. This will enable headquarters to be more selective and therefore more prompt in obtaining various types of clearances.

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6. [REDACTED] should be queried as to his thinking re future requirement for our own (Agency) communications facility in [REDACTED]

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Also, as to whether or not the OTP should not be replaced in the very near future by machine coding and decoding.

7. It is requested that the headquarters representative investigate the various kinds of cover which might be available for a case officer, the desirability for acquiring a safehouse, for various purposes, including covert training.



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